

(b) what steps are being taken by the Ministry to increase our exports as recommended by Peer Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH):
 (a) The estimates of exports of FCV tobacco from Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka based on the information received from the exporters during the last three years are as follows:

(Qty; tons, value: Rs. crores)

Year	AP		Karnataka		Total	
	Qty	Value	Qty	Value	Qty	Value
2003-04	52482	324.06	46701	378.24	99183	702.30
2004-05	64192	440.78	41225	377.34	105417	818.12
2005-06	67764	460.68	41811	397.30	109575	857.90

(b) The Tobacco Board under the Ministry of Commerce provide assistance to farmers through various extension & development schemes to reorient the production of tobacco to enhance its quality and productivity in tune with the changing international demand and quality. It also participates in international trade fairs/exhibitions to promote Indian tobacco and organizes delegations of tobacco traders and exporters to various countries. The Board also undertakes an extensive advertisement campaign in the international media to promote Indian tobacco.

SEZs in Gujarat

2266. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of SEZs at Bajhera Khurd, Dhulana Block, Ghaziabad of Uttar Pradesh and at Jamnagar, Junagarh of Gujarat;
- (b) the details of land acquired, the price paid to land owners by Government or the company owning the SEZs;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the farmers protesting against the SEZ in Uttar Pradesh were attacked by PAC; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for such attack?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) One sector specific Reliance Infrastructure Limited Special Economic Zone (SEZ) for Petroleum & Petro-chemicals sector covering an area of 440 Hectares is existing at Jamnagar. Formal approval for setting up a multi product SEZ over an area of 1125 hectares at Jamnagar has been given to M/s. Essar Jamnagar SEZ Developer Limited. There is no SEZ at Bajhera Khurd. However, an in-principle approval for setting up a multi product SEZ over a proposed area of 2023 hectares at Dadri, Ghaziabad has been given to M/s. Reliance Energy Generation Limited.

(b) Land is a State subject and the compensation is paid by the concerned land acquisition authority as per the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act and the State policies in this regard.

(c) and (d) As per information made available by the concerned State authorities, the farmers were agitating for enhanced compensation for the land acquired for certain projects of the State Government and it is not correct to say that force was used on the farmers.

Rules in contravention of SEZ Act

2267. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various rules framed under SEZ Act are in contravention of the Act;

(b) if so, the detail of instances where rules are in violation of the main Act; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that the rules are in conformity with the main Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH):

(a) No, Sir. The Special Economic Zones (SEZs) Rules 2006 notified on 10th February, 2006, after following the prescribed procedure, are in accordance with the provisions contained in the SEZ Act 2005.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.